

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 16-18 are newly added, and claims 1, 4-5, 8-9, 13 and 15 are amended. Claims 1-6, 8-9, 12-13, 15 and 16-18 remain actively pending in the case. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the claim is respectfully requested.

In paragraph 2 on page 2 of the Office Action, the claims were objected to because of informalities. Applicants respectfully traverse the objection, but in order to advance prosecution have amended the claims as suggested by the Office Action. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that Examiner withdraw the objection.

In paragraph 4 on page 3 of the Office Action, claims 5, 9, 13 and 15 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Kawamura et al. (US 7,092,024). In paragraph 6 on page 6 of the Office Action, claims 1-4, 6, 8 and 12 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura et al. in view of Nagano (US 5,561,462). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Applicants submit that in response to the Office Action's withdrawal of allowable subject matter, Applicants have amended the claims.

Kawamura fails to teach or suggest at least a quick view feature including a control section for automatically powering up the image display after the image is captured by the sensor in order to display the captured image, and then automatically turning off the image display after the period has elapsed as required by Applicants' independent claims. Rather, Kawamura discloses that if the release button 12 is half pressed, the display portion 4 starts displaying an image that has been formed. If the release button 12 is fully pressed, the photographed image data is captured and recorded in the memory portion 6. Thereafter, the photographed image data is displayed in the display portion 4 while the release button 12 is kept pressed (including both states in which the button is half pressed and fully pressed), and various information can be entered with a pen-shaped pointer 3 during that period of time. Once a hand is released from the release button 12, the image data entered with the pen and the photographed image data are recorded in the memory portion 6 such that these

data are correlated with each other. *See* Col 8, lines 1-12. Accordingly, Kawamura powers up the image display before the image is captured. However, Kawamura does not power up the image display after the image is captured by the sensor in order to display the captured image, and then automatically turning off the image display after the period has elapsed.

Nagano fails to remedy the deficiencies of Kawamura as Nagano also fails to teach or suggest at least a quick view feature including a control section for automatically powering up the image display after the image is captured by the sensor in order to display the captured image, and then automatically turning off the image display after the period has elapsed as required by Applicants' independent claims. Rather, Nagano discloses, for example, that the flow of operation control begins when the power supply of the camera is switched on. Both the image sensor and the electronic viewfinder are turned on and an image is displayed at the viewfinder. The shutter is opened and closed. The electric charge of the image sensor is transferred and recording is performed. *See* Col. 7, lines 34-64. Accordingly, Nagano powers up the image display before the image is captured. However, Nagano does not power up the image display after the image is captured by the sensor in order to display the captured image, and then automatically turning off the image display after the period has elapsed.

Rejected independent claims 5, 9 and 13 recite one or more feature generally similar to those of claim 1 discussed above, and for similar reasons as discussed above, are believed to be patentable over the cited references. Because claims 2-4 depend from claim 1, claims 6, 8 and 16 depend from claim 5, and claims 12 and 17 depend from claim 9, and claims 15 and 18 depend from claim 13, respectively, and include the features recited in the independent claims, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-4, 6, 8, 12 and 15-18 are also patentably distinct over the cited references. Nevertheless, Applicants are not conceding the correctness of the Office Action's rejection with respect to such dependent claims and reserve the right to make additional arguments if necessary.

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that the claims in their present form are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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